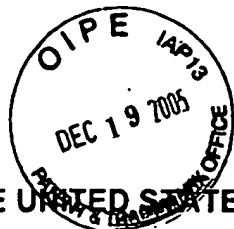


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Responsive to the final Office Action mailed by the U.S. Patent and trademark Office on October 19, 2005, in which the three month shortened statutory period for responding thereto runs to January 19, 2006, but in which a response is being filed by the two month due date running to December 19, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this Response.